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Aluminum Alloy Susceptibility of Sulfide Derivitization

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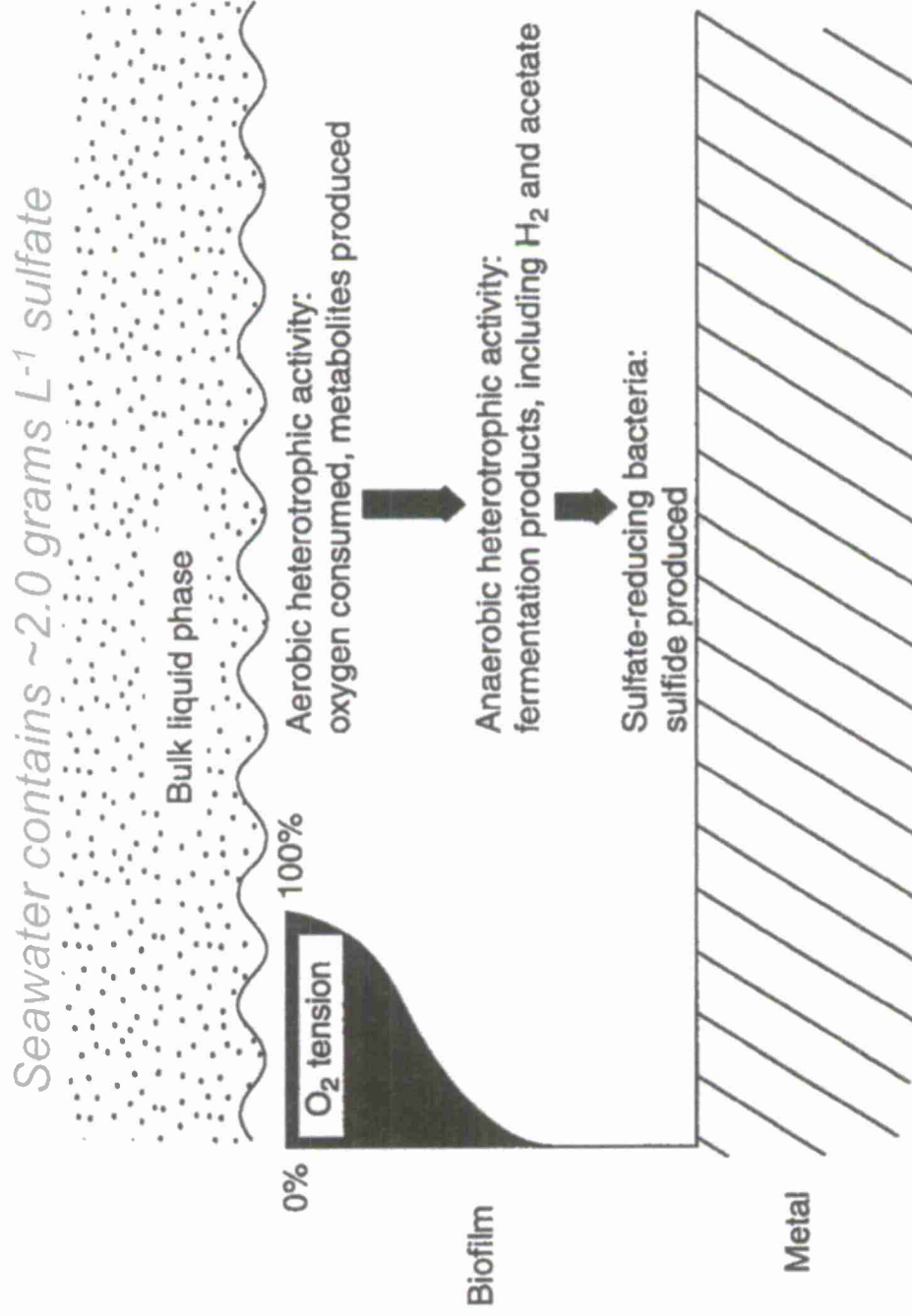
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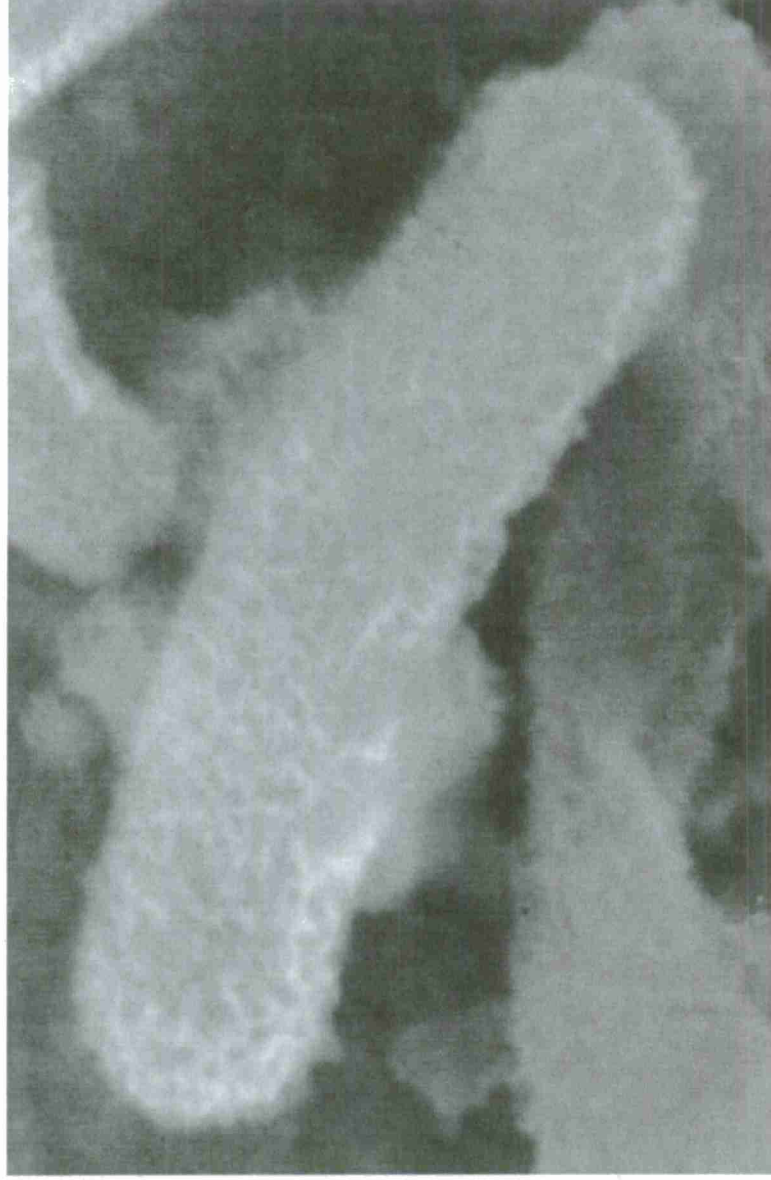


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Sulfide Derivatization



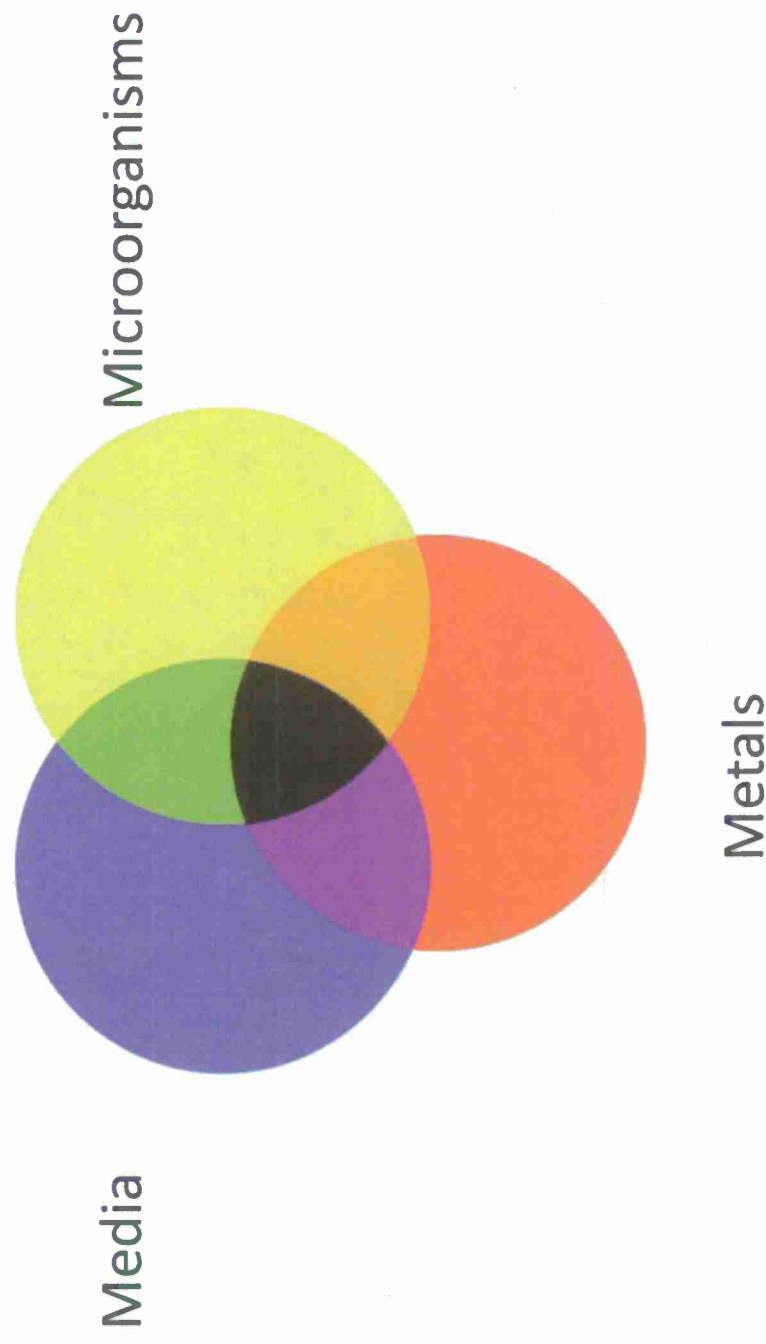
Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria



Initial Seawater Chemistries

Seawaters	pH	Salinity (g/L)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/L)	Sulfate (mg/L)
Key West	7.82	38	1.79	3864
Persian Gulf	7.98	44	1.94	4696

Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion



Scientific Question

Aqueous Corrosion

- Can microbial colonization of aluminum alloys initiate and sustain localized corrosion by sulfide derivitization?

Hypothesis – Sulfate reducing bacteria can derivitize aluminum alloys and produce localized corrosion.

Approach

1. AA in natural seawater (NRLKW & NRLSSC).
2. Characterize corrosion and corrosion products
 - Electrochemistry
 - Microbiology
 - Environmental Scanning Electron Microscopy
 - Transmission Electron Microscopy
 - White Light Profilometry
 - **Focused Ion Beam Milling**



Principal Aluminum Alloys

1xxx series	minimum 99% aluminum
2xxx series	copper
3xxx series	manganese
4xxx series	silicon
5xxx series	magnesium
6xxx series	magnesium and silicon
7xxx series	zinc
8xxx series	lithium and other elements

Sulfur Corrosion Products

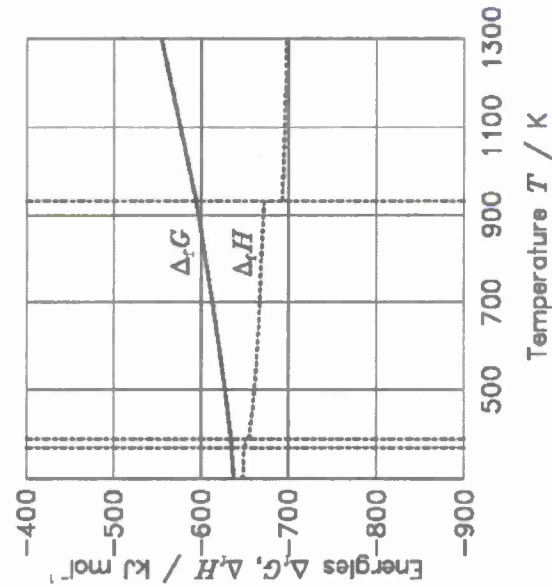
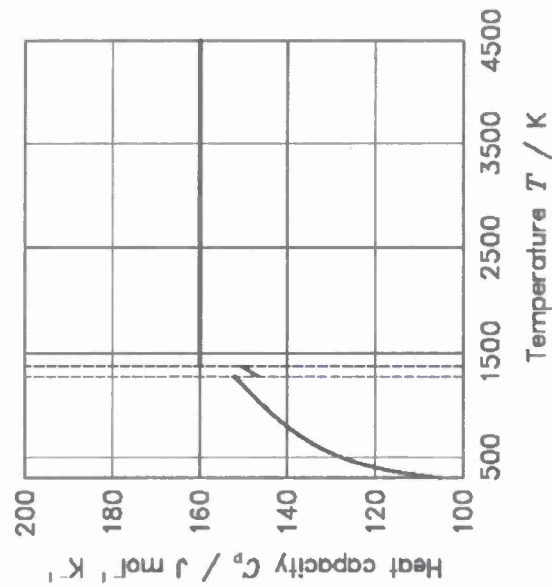
- *Al* - ND
- *Ag* - acanthite (Ag_2S).
- *Ag-Cu alloys* - acanthite, argentite (the high temperature polymorph of Ag_2S or jalpaite (Ag_3CuS_2)).
- *Cu* - complex suites of sulfide minerals: the most common product is chalcocite (Cu_2S). Final product in many cases is blue-remaining covellite (CuS_{1+x}).
- *Cu-Ni alloys* - Sulfide corrosion products similar to those of Cu but with significant djurleite ($\text{Cu}_{31}\text{S}_{16}$). No Ni minerals observed.
- *Cu-Sn alloys* - Corrosion products similar to those in Cu.
- *Fe (carbon steel)* - Final product is pyrite (FeS) with numerous intermediates.
- *Fe (stainless alloys)* - Rates are slower than pure Fe or carbon steel. No Ni minerals have been detected. Stainless steels with 6% or more Mo appear to be very resistant.
- *Mg* - ND
- *Ni* - millerite (NiS).
- *Pb* - galena (PbS).
- *Zn* - sphalerite (ZnS)

Al-S: Thermodynamics

Al₂S₃ (Aluminium Sulphide)

[94SGTE]

<i>T</i>	<i>S</i> ^o	<i>H</i> ₂₉₈ ^o - <i>H</i> ₀ ^o	Δ _f <i>H</i> ^o	Δ _f <i>S</i> ^o	Δ _f <i>G</i> ^o	Δ _{trs} <i>H</i> ^o	Δ _{trs} <i>S</i> ^o	type
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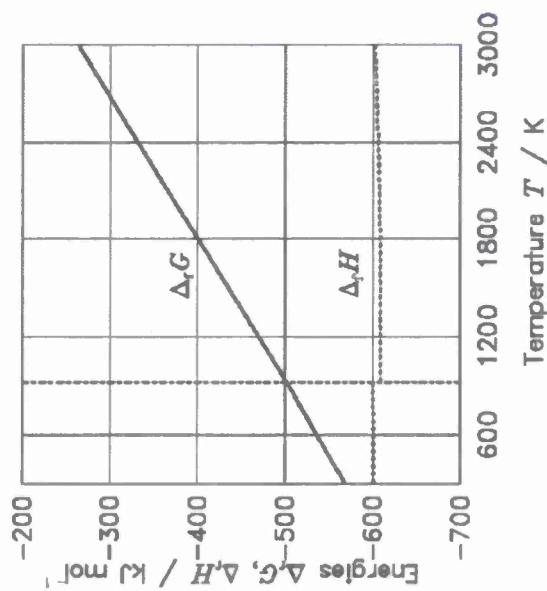
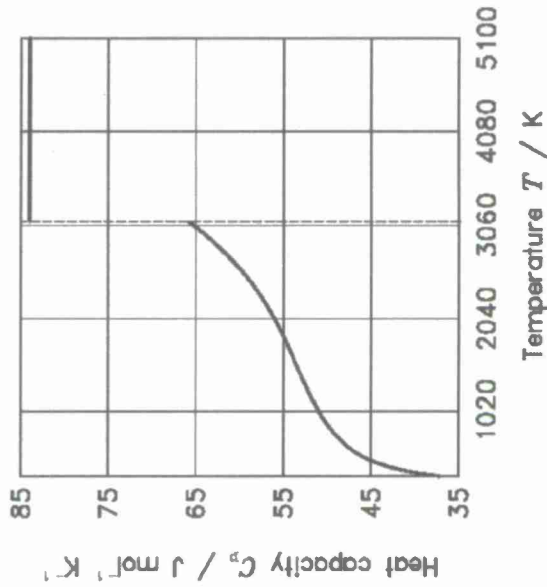


Mg-O: Thermodynamics

MgO (Magnesium Oxide)

[94TCRAS]

T	S°	$H_{298}^\circ - H_0^\circ$	$\Delta_f H^\circ$	$\Delta_f S^\circ$	$\Delta_f G^\circ$	$\Delta_{trS} H^\circ$	$\Delta_{trS} S^\circ$	type
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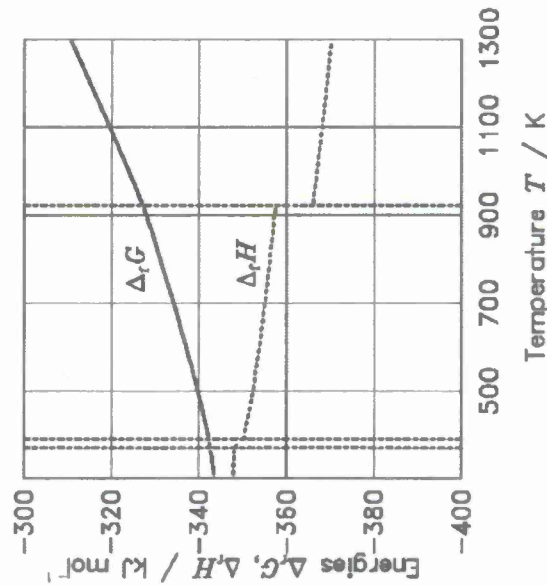
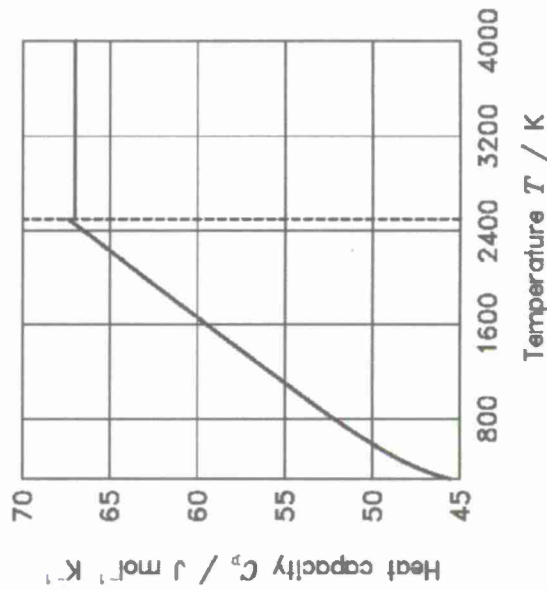


Mg-S: Thermodynamics

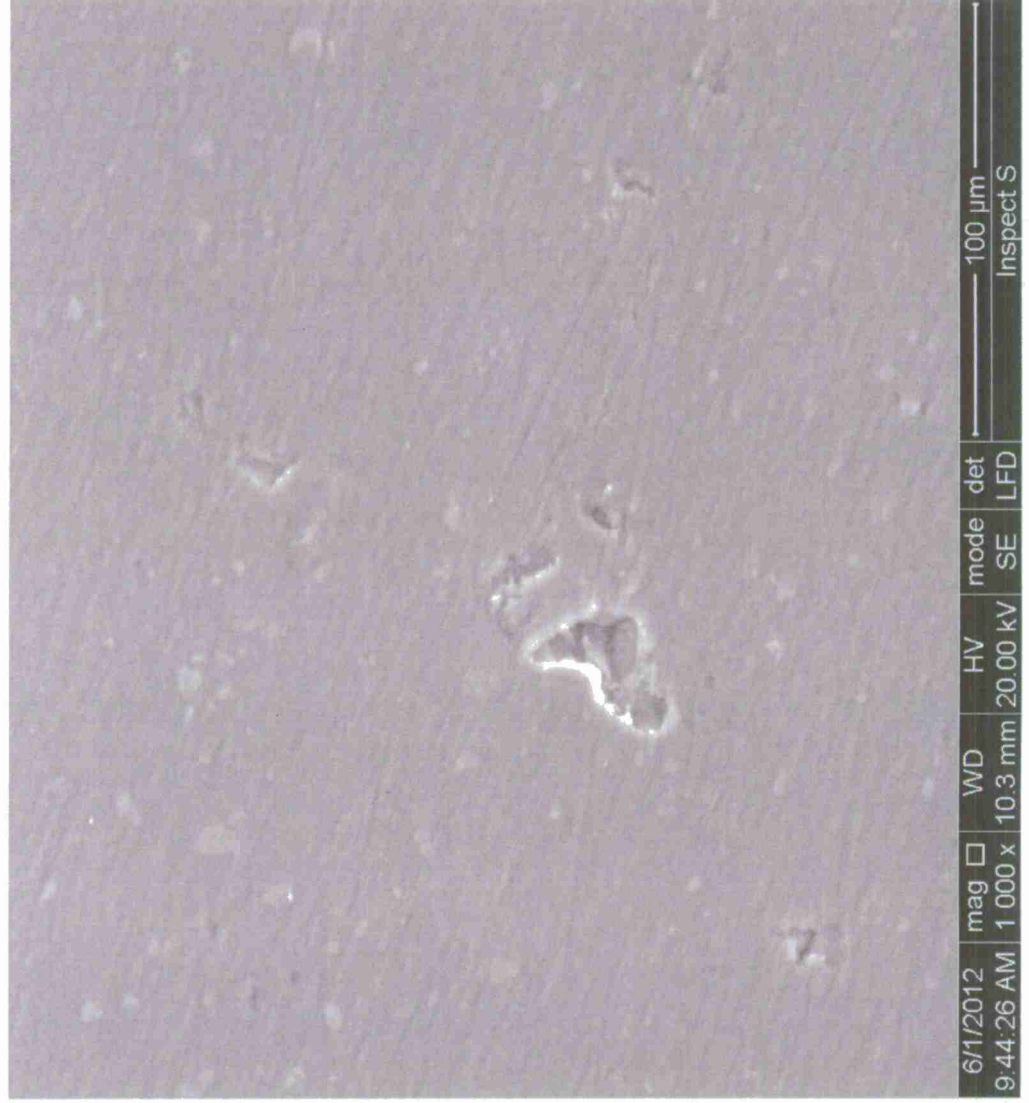
MgS (Magnesium Sulphide)

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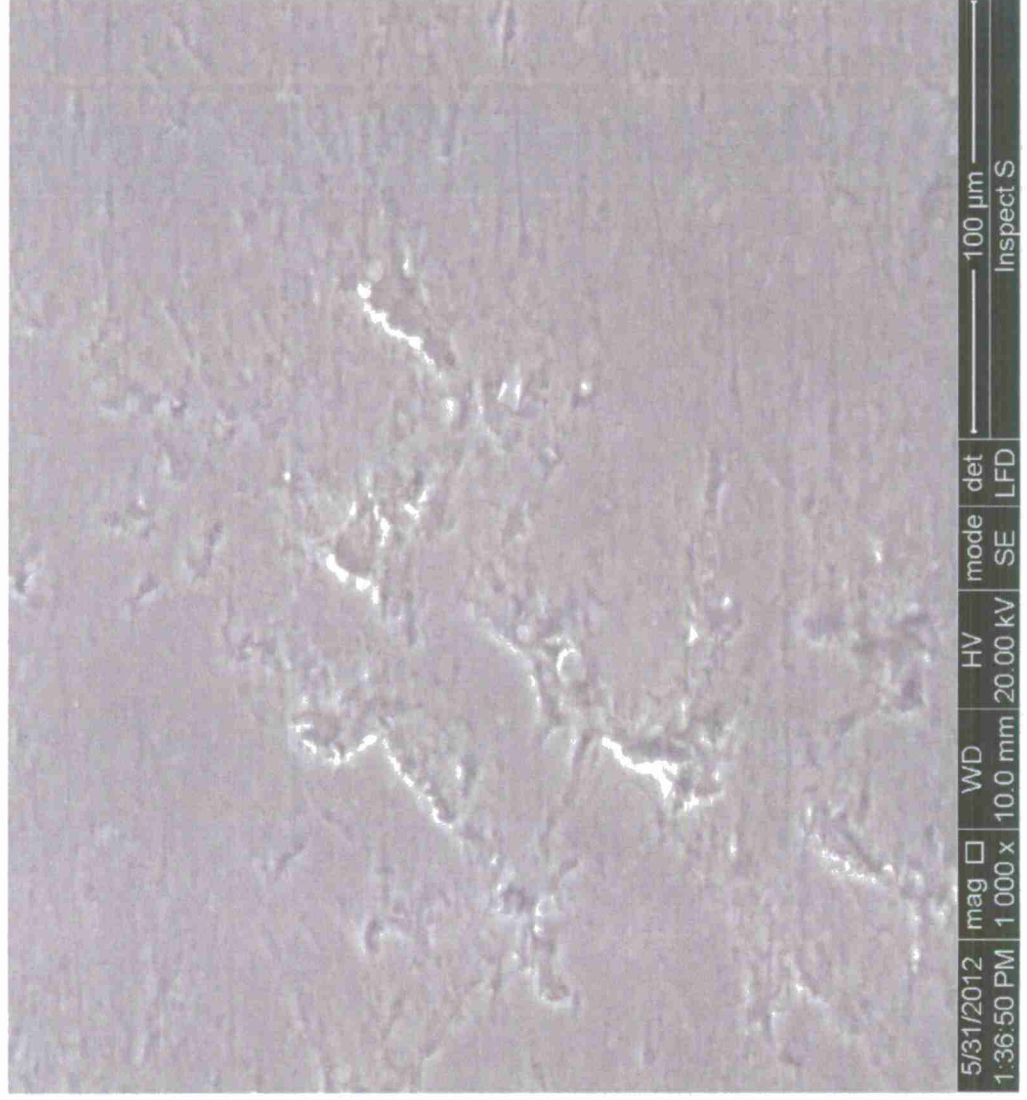
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We know the following:

- 5xxx Al used above and below the waterline:

<u>Alloys</u>	<u>Platforms</u>
5083	Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC)
5086	Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)
5456	Legacy platforms
5745	

- Corrosion problems occur above and below the waterline:
 - Pitting, cracking, crevice corrosion

